



Proposed Land Acquisition/Airspace Establishment in Support of Large-Scale MAGTF Live Fire and Maneuver Training

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**Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center
Twentynine Palms, CA**

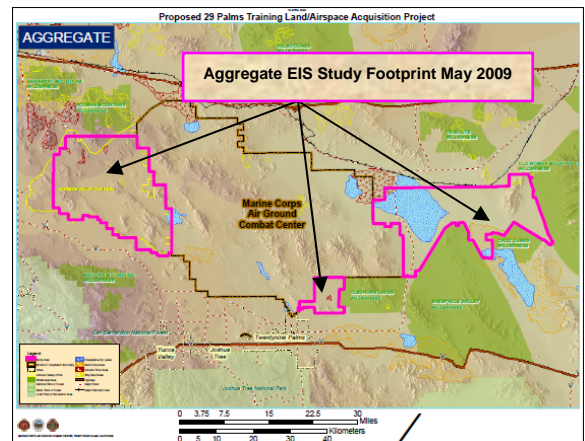
The Project Update Notices offer a focused way to provide easily accessible, wide-spread distribution of new Project information.

They augment the regular updating of key Project public documents carried on MCAGCC's Land Acquisition Study webpage.

Please see these other Project documents for an overview and key background information.

➤ **Marine Corps/Navy release 10% of public lands requested for study:**

- The Department of Navy notified US Bureau of Land Management by letter on June 9, 2009 that it relinquished its withdrawal request on portions of public lands in the project's EIS study areas east, south and west of MCAGCC.
- Resulted from further analysis of training suitability and review of public comments
- As a result, EIS study areas were reduced by approximately 60,000 total acres, with about 360,000 total acres remaining: around 160,000 acres in the east, 19,000 acres in the south and 180,000 acres in the west. There are approximately 308,000 acres of public lands remaining in the study area. These public lands will remain segregated until the EIS is completed and Congress acts on the proposed withdrawal.
- The action results in:
 - Release of land with minimal training value
 - Adherence to terrain features
 - Reduced impact on occupied private parcels



➤ **Evaluation Continues of Scoping Comments:**

- Nearly 10,000 public comments continue to be evaluated to determine issues and range of reasonable alternatives to be studied in the EIS.

➤ **Near Term Significant Milestones:**

- Scoping Summary Report – June 2009
- Draft EIS – August 2010
- Public Comment on Draft EIS – Summer/Fall 2010

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